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# Public Libraries and the Summer Food Service Program: A Winning Partnership



# SFSP Logo



# The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

**Is a federal program that provides free, healthy Summer meals for children and teens at eligible sites.**

**In 2017, 67 public libraries in KY were SFSP sites.**





# Why do we do this work?











# Who is eligible for SFSP?

**1. Age:** Children and teens **18 years and under.**

**\*A person 19 - 21 years who has a mental or physical disability and still participates in a school program is eligible.**

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# What is a SFSP site?

A site is the **physical location** where children and teens eat.



A site must be in an **eligible area**.

*(50% or more of the children living in the area must be eligible for free or reduced meals. Check **Qualifying Data** on the KDE SFSP website. )*

**Most** areas in Kentucky are eligible.

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## County Wide Eligibility 2017

Adair County

Allen County

Ballard County

Barren County

Bath County

Bell County

Bourbon County

Boyd County

Bracken County

Breathitt County

Breckinridge County

Butler County

Graves County

Grayson County

Green County

Greenup County

Hancock County

Harlan County

Harrison County

Hart County

Henderson County

Henry County

Hickman County

Hopkins County

McCreary County

McLean County

Meade County

Menifee County

Mercer County

Metcalfe County

Monroe County

Montgomery County

Morgan County

Muhlenberg County

Nelson County

Nicholas County

continued



## continued County Wide Eligibility 2017

Caldwell County  
Carlisle County  
Carroll County  
Carter County  
Casey County  
Christian County  
Clark County  
Clay County  
Clinton County  
Crittenden County  
Cumberland County  
Edmonson County  
Elliott County  
Estill County  
Fleming County  
Floyd County  
Franklin County  
Fulton County  
Gallatin County  
Garrard County  
Grant County

Jackson County  
Jessamine County  
Johnson County  
Knott County  
Knox County  
Larue County  
Laurel County  
Lawrence County  
Lee County  
Leslie County  
Letcher County  
Lewis County  
Lincoln County  
Livingston County  
Logan County  
Lyon County  
Magoffin County  
Marion County  
Marshall County  
Martin County  
Mason County

Ohio County  
Owen County  
Owsley County  
Pendleton County  
Perry County  
Powell County  
Pulaski County  
Robertson County  
Rockcastle County  
Rowan County  
Russell County  
Shelby County  
Simpson County  
Taylor County  
Todd County  
Trigg County  
Trimble County  
Union County  
Washington County  
Wayne County  
Webster County  
Whitley County  
Wolfe County

# At an eligible site:

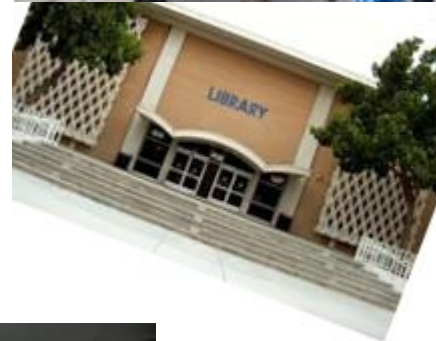
***ALL*** children and teens eat a healthy meal for **free!**

No sign ups or financial checks.



Libraries receive the meals for **FREE** from a sponsor.

# Examples of Sites





# Public libraries, leading the fight against summer learning loss!

***Summer Meal sites at public libraries nourish children's minds and bodies!***



# Summer meals benefit children.

- ▶ **A meal plus enrichment-** provides nutritious food plus access to books, reading and computers
- ▶ Fights the dreaded **Summer Slide.**
- ▶ **Social interaction** and less time in front of the **TV.**



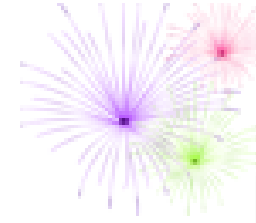
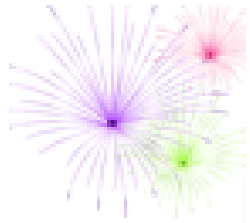
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- ▶ Children who are well nourished are more **ready to read** and retain information.
- ▶ **New patrons** and an opportunity to educate families about other library services
- ▶ Creates and **strengthens community partnerships**
- ▶ **Great PR** for the library



*Recent research shows that many children who do not have enough to eat wind up with diminished capacity to understand and learn. Children don't have to be starving for this to happen. Even mild undernutrition, the kind most common among poor people in America, can do it."* Carl Sagan

# Here's the good news....



**Summer 2016 and 2017 were years of great growth for SFSP in Kentucky!**



**In 2016, Kentucky lead the nation in the percentage increase of meals served!**

# Public Library sites are growing with us!



**The number of public libraries that are SFSP sites **increased by 25%** from 2015 to 2017!**

**67 Public Libraries were SFSP sites in 2017—  
thank you!**



**We want to work with even more libraries in  
2018.**



# And the not so good news...

**We have a long way to go.**

**In Kentucky, approximately **12%** of students who qualify for free and reduced meals are participating in the Summer Food Service Program.**



**7,310,943** free or reduced lunches were served in October of 2017 in KY.

But...



**930,874** SFSP lunches were served in the month of June 2017 in KY.

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# Thinking about being a site?

- ▶ **Each site needs a sponsor.**



- ▶ **Contact the Food Service Director in your local school district.**
- ▶ **Or contact KDE and we will help you find a sponsor**

# A Quote from one of your own....

.....We regularly hear from parents about how grateful they are for the Summer Read and Feed program. We also get feedback from teachers that they are able to recognize kids in the classroom in the fall that have attended our program because those children have not suffered as much from the dreaded “summer slide.” Over the past 6 years, this program has helped us reach out to families in our community that were not regular users of the library. Once those families have knowledge about all the services we offer, they often become regular users throughout the year. We’ve found that the earlier we reach children and inspire them to become library users, the more likely they are to continue that trend into high school and adulthood...

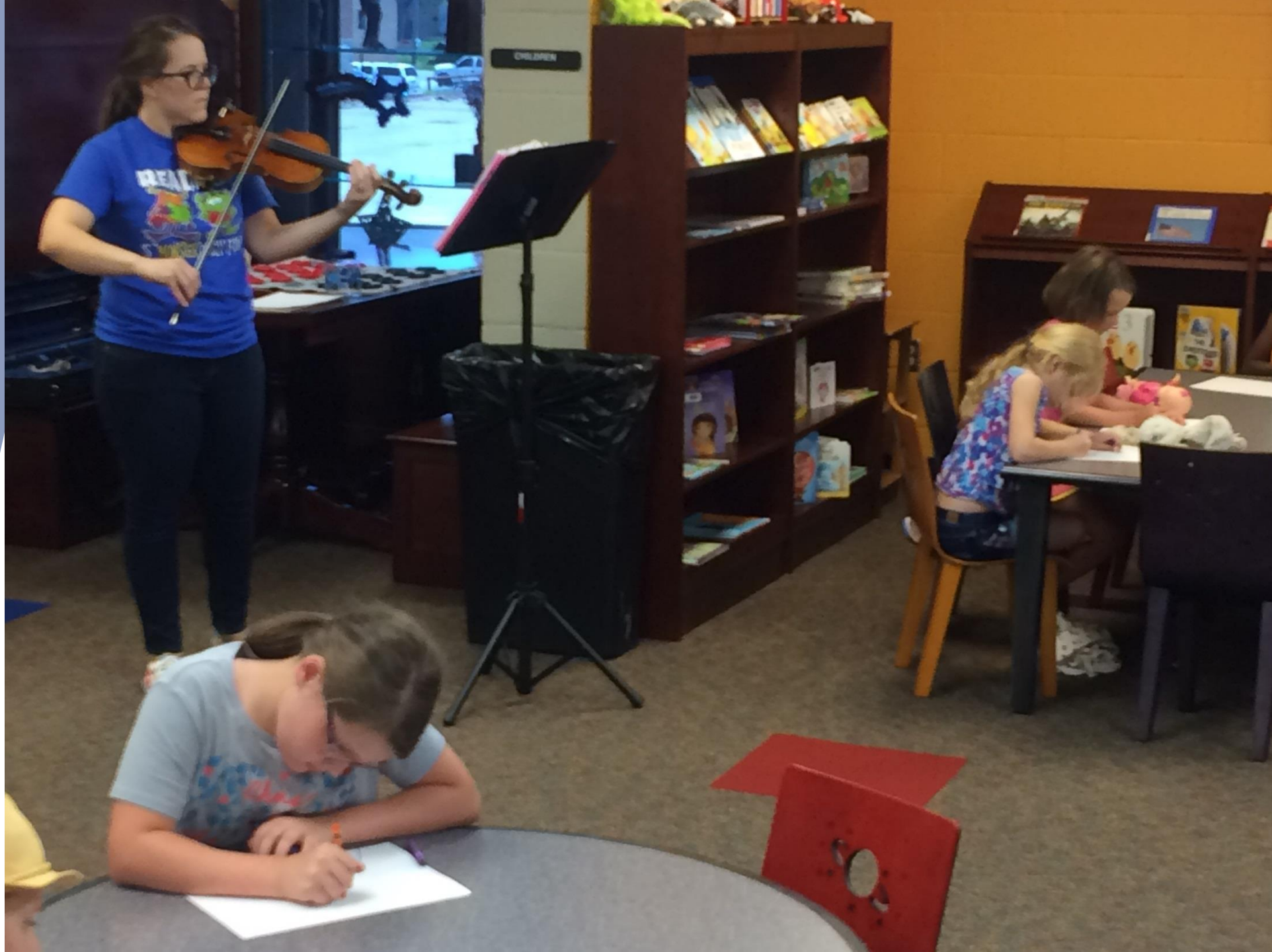
*Debbie McClanahan, Director Union County Public Libraries*





















# Other Ways We Can Work Together

- ▶ Partner with an **existing site** to provide **enrichment activities** for children and youth.
- ▶ Have the **bookmobile make visits to sites** bringing the library to kids.
- ▶ **Help promote SFSP** with signs, flyers and word of mouth.

**Thank you!**  
**Need more information?**

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